THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of Manipur had recommended to the Government of India in April 2001 that provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India be extended to the hill areas of Manipur with certain local adjustments and amendments. The Government of India had sought details from the State Government regarding local adjustments and amendments to be made. The State Government had reported that the matter has been under active consideration of the State Cabinet and the Manipur hill areas Committee of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. As soon as a firm proposal is received from the State Government, that will receive prompt attention from the Government of India.

Insurgent outfits operating in the country

2205. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insurgent outfits operating in each of the State of the North East Region;

(b) the estimated strength of each of the outfits; and

(c) the Government's policy to deal with their anti-social, illegal and unlawful activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Reports indicate that following Insurgent Groups are operating in the North Eastern States. These are:

a. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

b. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in Assam

c. People's Liberation Army (PLA);

d. United National Liberation Front (UNLF);

e. People's Revolutionary Park of Kangleipak (PREPAK);

f. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP);

g. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL);

h. Manipur People's Liberation Front (MPLF);

i. Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) in Manipur

j. All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF);

k. National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) in Tripura

l. Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC);

m. Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya.

n. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCNÈ)

o. Naga National Council/Adino (NNC/A) in Nagaland.

While ULFA, NDFB, PLA, UNLF, NLFT, NNC/A, NSCN(K) have sizable cadre strength, the other insurgent groups are operating with fewer cadre strength.

(c) Government has taken various steps to tackle the terrorist outfits. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimubursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernisation/upgradation of State Police Force. The Governments have been appealing to the insurgent outfits to give up violence, join the mainstream and settle the problems through negotiation within the Constitutional framework.

Reviewing immigration set at International Airports

2206. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up a comprehensive review of the immigration set up at major international airports to identify personnel, who do not have temperament tackle matters with sensitivity;